



## BADSEY FLOWER SHOW - ON SCHEDULE

It's almost here! This year's Badsey Flower Show is almost upon us, and it's the first in-person Show since before the pandemic – so we're sure it's going to be the best yet! We've got a jam-packed Show planned for you, including Pipe Band, Morris Dancers, Children from the United Dance Club and other entertainment options for all the family.

A flypast by a Spitfire from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight is to be confirmed on Show Day. We have a whole host of competition categories for all ages to enter. From photography to cooking, gardening to art, we have something for everyone. If you or someone you know would like to get involved, information about the categories and how to enter can be found in the Badsey Flower Show Schedule, available in the Badsey Spar, or online at [www.badseyflowershow.co.uk](http://www.badseyflowershow.co.uk).

The last couple of years have been a struggle for many, and we're so excited to bring everyone together again for this year's Flower Show. So, we hope you can join us! Come along to the Badsey Recreation Ground at Sands Lane on **Saturday 23 July**, for a fun-filled Show for all the family.

We are always seeking willing helpers for the Show, without whom the show would not be possible.

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The Big Badsey Dig has now been dug! It took place on 21st and 22nd of May on a perfect weekend for digging. The weather had been showery before, which softened up the

ground nicely, and was soon wet again after the dig but the weekend itself was cool and often cloudy which was ideal for the hard work involved. This community project brought together a large number of volunteer diggers and the Badsey Scout Hut at the Rec was the centre of operations for the weekend. Test Pits were successfully dug in 19 gardens and pieces of market garden land. Fortunately there was a substantial haul of finds to process. The finds are currently undergoing careful cleaning, drying, weighing and labelling before being

examined by archaeologists of the Worcester Archive and Archaeology Service. The results will be written up later in the year and the Badsey Society will then host a talk on the conclusions of the Dig.

Below:- Pit 2 John and Chrissy. [Photo: Tony Spinks]

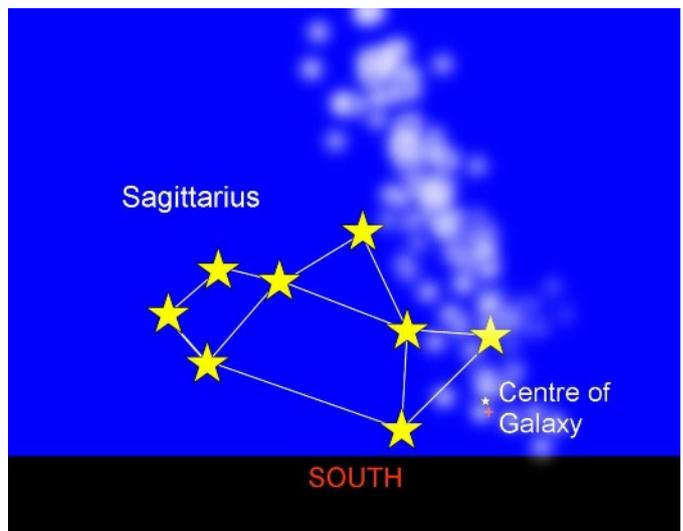


## SAGITTARIUS - THE ARCHER

*From Badsey's very own astronomer, Stargazer*

This month's object is a little difficult to locate and requires a good clear sky, but with warm summer evenings promised, the challenge should give pleasing results. The constellation of Sagittarius only just appears above the horizon in the latitudes that we live in here in Worcestershire. If we lived in Scotland we would not see the constellation at all. To locate the constellation, look towards the south late in the evening close to midnight. There will still be a glow to the north from the sun that is just below the horizon, and you will need to be in a good location with few other lights to distract your vision.

Sagittarius is one of the constellations in the Astrological Zodiac. These are twelve constellations that lay roughly along the ecliptic, the line that the sun draws out across the sky. As the axis of the earth is tilted at  $23.5^\circ$  the ecliptic is high in the day time during the summer, but low in the sky during the summer evenings. As Sagittarius is just below the ecliptic it never rises far above the horizon. In our latitudes Sagittarius is often described as looking like a teapot. This is because we can only see part of the entire constellation. The constellation is said to represent a centaur pulling back a bow, hence Sagittarius the Archer. The Teapot is only part of the constellation that represents the bow segment of the entire figure. The Milky Way, our galaxy, passes through Sagittarius but is difficult to see during the summer because of the summer lights. Any extra light from the moon or street light can prevent us from seeing the very faint grey band of the Milky Way passing through the summer sky. We are looking towards the direction of the galactic centre but much of this part of the Milky Way is obscured by clouds of galactic dust and nebulae and is unfortunately not visible from our vantage point here on the planet earth. However, radio telescopes can see through this galactic dust and a bright radio object was observed in this part of the sky in 1954. As it is the brightest radio object in the constellation it is labelled "A" and as it is an interesting object it is marked with an asterisk, hence it was given the name Sagittarius A\* (pronounced Sagittarius A star). Since this bright radio source was discovered it has also been observed that several stars were orbiting something at incredible speed. It is possible to determine the mass



of a star from its colour, and from the speed of these stars it is not difficult to calculate the mass of the object using Newton's theory of gravitation. The almost incredible result was that these stars are orbiting an object that had a mass of over four million times that of the sun. This object was also very small and with such an enormous mass it could only be a black hole, in fact a super massive black hole. Since this discovery other super massive black holes have been discovered at the centres of other galaxies, and it is theorised that they play an essential role in the formation of the structure of galaxies. The Event Horizon Telescope was used in 2017 to try to image this super massive black hole. This telescope is made up from eight large radio telescopes that are situated across the globe making one single radio telescope that is effectively the size of the earth. The signals received from each of the individual telescopes were recorded and brought together so that a radio image could be calculated. This calculation process took nearly five years and the image of Sagittarius A\* the super massive black hole at the centre of our galaxy was eventually published on 12th May this year.

It is not possible to see any sign of this amazing object even with a large optical telescope, but you can identify the area in the sky where it lays to the side of the Sagittarius constellation. If the sky is dark enough you will be able to see the Milky Way dropping down the sky through this interesting constellation. Enjoy your observing throughout the summer evenings.



## GERMAN PARTNERSHIP VISIT

As you may be aware for many years we have had a Benefice Partnership with churches around Halberstadt. We are hoping that after having to postpone their visit our friends will be able to visit us between 19th and 21st August. Most who visit speak English so German is not a requirement. If you would like to be involved or to host please get in contact with Alex Christison on 830367 or Email: xtison13@gmail.com

## DELIVERER REQUIRED

We are currently looking for someone to deliver the Community News in Brewers Lane. If you are interested then please contact Elizabeth Bolland on 830638.

## PULP - FACT NOT FICTION

Due to a shortage of wood pulp in Finland the cost of printing the Community News has risen. The Parochial Church Council who oversee the monthly magazine has so far made-up the shortfall. However the latest increase will be too big a burden on them unless an alternative solution can be found. Current thinking is to reduce the size and paper quality of the magazine. So it would go from an A4 size to the smaller A5 size. This would mean that the quantity of articles and notices in the publication would half. There is another scenario, and that is to no longer produce the Community News. The parish of Badsey has had a parish magazine 'on and off' for over a hundred years. Over that period it has taken on many guises, and has re-generated more times than Dr. Who. The first known magazine was in 1898 and like the current one lost money. In those days it included Wickhamford, as that village shared a vicar with Badsey and it was usually up to the vicar to organise the magazine. Advertisements have always helped with the cost of publication as in 1969 when there was a post office, two banks, three pubs, a butcher's, as well as six grocery shops in the village at that time. And the then current vicar was not averse in his message to reply to the members of his congregation after they had criticised his choice of hymns by calling the villagers 'common'. By 1979 the magazine had become A5 in size, and stayed that way until it was replaced by the Badsey Bugle in 2006. However, it also became too costly to produce and the vicar, Richard Court, produced a duplicated A4 folded sheet as a stop-gap. This was followed shortly by what we now recognise as the Community News having had Sheila Lancaster, John Cole, Alice Morrey, Valerie Magan and currently Will Dallimore as its editor.

## FAITH IS MY ANCHOR

*A message from the Revd. Fr. Philip Morton*



Last month saw us celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen's coronation. In recent years, the Queen has talked about how her Christian faith has sustained and helped her through some dark times in her life, and in the life of the nation. It is at these points, she says, that her faith is 'the anchor in my life'.

There are few other people in the world who have been a Head of State for as long as the Queen has, and last month she was the only British monarch in history to reign into a seventh decade. It was back in 1947 that the Queen dedicated her life to public service during a radio broadcast, ending her speech with the words, 'God help me to make good my vow'. The celebration of the Platinum Jubilee is a vindication of these words, and I believe the Queen would say that over those past decades, God has indeed helped her to serve her country as Monarch. In our services on the 5th June we said prayers for the Queen. We also happened to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost that same day, which commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit and the beginnings of the Church. It is perhaps fitting that the Platinum Jubilee fell on the same Sunday, a reminder of the anointing with Holy Oil that represents the blessing of the Holy Spirit on a new Monarch.

## FAITH IS MY ADMINISTRATOR

We are delighted that the Benefice has appointed a new administrator to help with our work. Faith Quin comes to us with lots of previous experience of working with churches which will help us to operate more efficiently. I'm sure that we will want to offer Faith a very warm welcome as she settles into her new role. As we don't have a parish office, Faith will work from home and can be contacted on [eastvaleavon.churches@gmail.com](mailto:eastvaleavon.churches@gmail.com)

## CHURCH SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE - JULY 2022

<b>Sun 3rd</b> <i>St. Thomas the Apostle</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion	South Littleton
	9.30am	Morning Praise	Offenham
	10.30am	Church Cafe	Littleton V.H.
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Badsey
	6.30pm	Evensong	Cleeve Prior
<b>Sun 10th</b> <i>4th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion	Bretforton
	9.30am	Morning Praise	Badsey
	9.30am	Morning Praise	South Littleton
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Cleeve Prior
	4.30pm	Evensong	N & M. Littleton
<b>Sun 17th</b> <i>5th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion	Badsey
	9.30am	Morning Praise	South Littleton
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Cleeve Prior
	11.00am	Morning Praise	Offenham
<b>Sun 24th</b> <i>6th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion	N & M. Littleton
	9.30am	Morning Praise	Offenham
	11.00am	Matins	Cleeve Prior
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Bretforton
	6.30pm	Evensong	Badsey
<b>Sun 31st</b> <i>7th Sunday after Trinity</i>	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Cleeve Prior

## A BADSEY MAN FROM LONDON

### The memoirs of Roy Page

This month we continue our series on the memoirs of Roy Page. Ninety year-old Roy came to Badsey from London at the age of seventeen—and never went back.

#### THE COCKERTONS

My first job after leaving the army was with Vic Cockerton a market gardener who lived in a house to the right of the church. There was a yard at the back of the house with a barn and three or four big greenhouses. He also had land at the back of Badsey School called 'The Stocky', part of which is now the school playing field and a few acres (including plum plantations) down Willersey Rd (Bullybrook). Vic was probably one of the best market gardeners in Badsey and grew really good early cauliflowers, runner beans, etc. on the really rich soil. He was a great believer in feeding the ground with things like 'shoddy', which was a sack of leather dust from the tanning industry. He also used Peruvian Guano (bird droppings) which it was said was given away free to persuade growers to buy artificial fertilizers when they were first introduced. Vic grew all his own plants in his greenhouses and were always first class.

There were three other chaps working for him while I was there - Jim Sadler, John Sadler and Ron Keen (known as Dixie Dean after a famous footballer). Both Jim and Ron played for Badsey Rangers at one time. There was also a woman who worked for Vic called Lottie Hartwell. She also had another job which was laying out local people when they died (a lot of people died in their own beds in those days). She would hear the church bell tolling and would take her little black bag on the back of her bike to go and 'sort out' whoever had died. It was said that she enjoyed that job more than tomato picking. Vic drove around in a pre-war long nose Bedford 10cwt flat bed truck and I have to say that he was one of the worst drivers I have ever sat next to. He started driving before tests were introduced and I am sure he would never have passed if he had taken one. He would try to pull away in any gear and when he finally got away he would change from 1st gear to top in one go. I think he thought kerbs were there to run into every few yards and he never did much above 30 mph but still managed to frighten the life out of his passengers. Vic took delivery of a Daimler



saloon while I worked for him but he never liked driving it. He took his wife to Evesham once a week on market day in it then put it straight back into the barn.

Although Vic was known as a good market gardener he was also known for being a very careful with his money. It was said that when he had a horse and dray he would offer the local children a lift from the school to the top of the village providing they paid him ha'penny – no ha'penny, no lift! I remember once when we were all doing some hoeing down Bullybrook when Vic arrived in the old pick-up, went into the shed and after a while came out, got back into the truck and drove off. Jim Sadler had noticed something the rest of us hadn't. Evidently Vic had gone through our old wellingtons – which we had discarded because they were full of holes or split – picked the best two and was wearing them when he came out of the shed. Jim noticed that one had a black sole and the other a yellow sole. Vic wore them for months with cardboard stuffed in the soles! It was said that on the day he died in 1953 aged 71 he told his wife that as he couldn't read she was to turn off the electric light and light a candle instead to save money.

I recall an amusing incident one day when we were working on The Stocky, behind the school. We heard someone shouting from the Willersey Road and it turned out to be a chap called Walt Buggins. He was standing in the middle of the road by his old pre-war van, waving his arms and shouting. Inside the van was a large pig with her feet and legs poking through the wooden floor of the van which had collapsed under her weight. We thought it very funny but Walt was not amused. The problem was getting the pig out of the van! One of the lads suggested letting the air out of the tyres so that the pig could walk along the road. I think they dismantled a fair part of the van before the pig was released.

*Abridged for the Community News by the Editor*

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## Brian Smith's Church Fonts



Brian Smith continues his look at the fonts in our local churches

### Wickhamford - Church of St. John the Baptist

Wickhamford Church has two fonts, which could hardly be any more different from each other. The stone font, fairly close to the porch door, according to the late G. C. Lees-Milne, "is ancient but the date not known." It is very plain and is most likely medieval. It has had an interesting past. When the Rev. T. H. Hunt arrived in 1852, he found it in the chancel, up-turned and used as a seat! He immediately restored it to its proper use. It is the one in use at present (if any). My photograph shows it nicely crowned by a nativity scene.

The richly carved oak font, presented by the Sandys family in the 17th century, was presumably being used prior to Hunt's arrival. On the cover is the Sandys Griffin. It is still to be found in the chancel. The Rev. Hunt obviously decided that it was better suited to decorative, rather than functional use. The cover is in memory of a well-loved vicar of Badsey and Wickhamford, the Rev. Wilfred Chapman.



## Poem of the Month

### DREAMS TURN TO ASHES?

Come, lie you down at Pear Tree Fields,  
When it becomes your turn.  
Don't go out to Fladbury Crem'  
And come back in an urn.

If peace and quiet are your thing  
And you are tired of the human race,  
Book a plot without delay.  
For you, this is the place.

Only two miles out of Badsey  
It's not much of a hike.  
The Council are looking at a scheme  
To hire villagers a bike.

We hear folks are turning towards Fladbury,  
And are favouring the Crem'.  
But there there might be some delay.  
Queues? We don't have any of them!

Your Council had the foresight  
To have purchased land to spare.  
We aim to build a heliport  
So you can land a 'copter there.

Who wants a busy churchyard  
Where folks are walking to and fro?  
You need to have a quiet spot  
Where people never go.

The Council may give an incentive  
For just a limited term.  
A voucher for a hundred pounds,  
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You will thank us in the future  
For giving this haven our vote.  
We just ignored the villagers,  
Who said it's too remote.

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## Wickhamford Gardening Club

We had a very enjoyable evening where we were entertained for the evening by Will and John Dallimore who showed us three very interesting film shows of the history in the Vale of Evesham in relation to the growing of asparagus and plums. These films were produced by the Badsey Society. Our members found them very interesting and learnt lots of new facts with regard to these crops, and it was lovely to see so many old faces that are sadly no longer with us, it was especially nice to see a very young Sheila and several generations of her family which were interviewed about their involvement with the picking of plums. Terry thanked the Dallimores and presented them with a bottle of wine each to show our appreciation for stepping in at such short notice as we were let down at short notice by Adam Pleciak the speaker we had booked.

By the time you are reading this we will have visited the first of our gardens at Forthampton Court, Tewkesbury which I will give you an insight into next month. We will be visiting Middle Dene gardens in Blockley in July, we would welcome any visitors who would like to join us, just ring Barbara Bennett on 831002 for further details.



Badsey WI has had a busy time since our last contribution, to the June Community News, was written.

First and foremost, readers who have visited the new community space at Pear Tree Fields will have spotted the bench WI members have donated to mark the Platinum Jubilee. We hope that for many years to come people will enjoy sitting on it and looking out over the wonderful view towards Broadway Tower. In addition a bench which the WI donated some years ago, outside the church gate, has been spruced up (many thanks to Sheila and Keith Taylor).

Our May meeting took a different form to that advertised, after our speaker had to withdraw at the last minute. We are very grateful to our Vice-President, Sheila Taylor, for stepping in with her basket of weird and wonderful objects. The 'who would use this object' identification quiz was greatly enjoyed by all present. In June we braved the British weather for a garden social and bring and share supper. One short, sharp shower did dare to show itself but the sun did eventually come out. Our next meeting on 13th July will be back in the Remembrance Hall at the usual time of 7 for 7.15pm when our speaker will be Graham Sutherland and his intriguing title is 'Have Bell, Will Travel'. In the meantime, members are planning for the tea and cake refreshments at the Badsey Flower Show and arranging our entry to the Worcestershire Federation Craft Show.

Please do think about joining us. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our secretary, Alex Owen, on 01386 830083.

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Our meeting on Tuesday July 12th at 2.30pm will be our annual garden meeting when we exchange prayer partner gifts. It will be held in the garden of Annette and Chris Robbins at 6 Chapel Street, Badsey.

If you would like to know more about the Mothers' Union then please contact Sandra Sparrow on 833368.

## St James Flower Guild

Thank you ladies and gent for the flowers in Church during June.

### July Rota

1st Sunday Louise and Rachel  
 2nd Sunday Jane and Yvonne  
 3rd Sunday Barbara and Julie  
 4th Sunday Hazel and Hazel  
 5th Sunday Mary and Alan

Any queries regarding church flowers contact Julie Gardner 831573 after 6pm please or 832007.

## Badsey Film Club



Luvvies, here is our film for July 2022.

Saturday 2nd July **Six Minutes To Midnight**

Doors Open 7.30pm Film Starts at 8pm

Back Room of the Wheatsheaf Inn, Badsey

New members are always welcome, for further details contact Clive Richards on 832685.



Badsey WI President, Lorraine Goodman, cuts the ribbon on the Platinum Jubilee Seat at Pear Tree Fields in front of WI members and Parish Council Clerk, Andrea Evans.

## Priest in Charge:

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Meetings are held on 3rd Wednesday of the month (except in August) at Badsey Remembrance Hall at 7.30pm.

**Date of next meetings:** Wednesday 20th July  
Wednesday 21st September

## **LOCAL HISTORY QUIZ**

1. Why were cylinders of oxygen and hydrogen delivered from Birmingham to the Old School, Badsey in March 1898?

2. What is a chronogram? And where can you find one in Badsey?

3. In which sport did a gang of Railway Navvies beat a Badsey team in 1904?

4. The first Badsey Flower Show was in 1888, in which year was the 100th held?

5. In the early 1900s why were you more likely to see a 'rainbow' in Badsey in the summer?

### **LAST MONTH - OBSERVATION TEST RESULTS**

The four things missing from the photo of Badsey church and churchyard were:- The hands of the church clock, the lamppost between the west gate and the church, the central pinnacle of the top of the church tower, and the window in the right hand section of the church by the magnolia tree.

The winner of the competition was Terry Sparrow, who used his initiative by taking a copy of the magazine from the church porch, walking to where the photo was taken from. and then studying the photo for differences.

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# Photo Finish



An extended bank holiday of four days saw the villagers of the parish celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Street parties were held in various parts of the village, and bunting strung across the length of Brewers Lane..

Two days of festivities were held at the Badsey Community and Sports Club in Brewers Lane sponsored by the Parish Council. Fun and games on the Friday and a festival of live outdoor music on the Saturday.

The Pub in a Club has been boarded up following its closure. It has taken on many guises over the years. It started out as the Old School before being used by the boy scouts. It was purchased by the Royal British Legion and expanded into a clubroom and bar, before being used by the Freedom Group. As it is not a listed building its future is not secure.



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## Jane Neill's Nature Notes

Bees are insects. There are over 250 species of bee in the UK ranging from 4mm to 25mm in body length. We see at least 20 species of bees in our gardens. Over 90% of bees are solitary with a single female nesting. Only bumblebees and honeybees are social bees. Bees are the principal pollinators of flowering plants and are vital for food production. Raspberries, apples, pears, beans and tomatoes would disappear without them. Bees raise their larvae on pollen and nectar. Honeybees turn nectar into honey. Colonies of honeybees can number up to 100,000 workers! Only the worker bees and the new queens survive over Winter feeding on the honey. The males are killed after mating or driven out of the nest.



Solitary bees either emerge in Spring as fully grown adults or fully grown larva that mature the following Spring. There are the mining bees that nest in cells in the ground, cavity bees including mason, leaf cutter and carder bees that live in hollow plant stems, deadwood holes and even empty snail shells and cuckoo bees that lay their eggs on pollen stores of other bees so their larva can eat the host eggs before they emerge. By planting a succession of flowers and flowering shrubs throughout the year we help many species of bees.